informed that it has made several amendments in the existing bye-laws in its Development Control Regulations with respect to structural safety after the devastating earthquake in Gujarat last year.

(b) The State Government has informed that the amendments made in the existing bye-laws of Gujarat regarding construction of buildings will prove helpful in any eventuality in future.

(c) Housing is a State subject. As such construction of buildings is governed and regulated by Building Bye-laws/Regulations framed by each State. However, Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has advised all the States and Union Territories Governments to suitably amend their Building Bye-laws/Regulations to enforce Indian Standards/Specifications and provision of National Building Code formulated by the Bureau of Indian Standards and guidelines recommended by the Expert Group set up by the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation. Some of the States/Union Territories like Gujarat, Delhi and Chandigarh have amended their building bye-laws and some other States have initiated action in this regard.

New garbage units in Delhi

2344. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi will soon have new garbage units, as reported in The Hindu, dated the 11th February, 2002;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the names of private firms with locations; and

(c) the total revenue likely to be earned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA):(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The MCD has reported that 8 firms had applied for the garbage bins out of which

3 firms as mentioned below have deposited the money and started the work;

1. M/s Anant Ars
2. M/s Kartikay Builders
3. M/s Rajdhani Advertisements.

Similarly, the NDMC has also made five garbage stations on BOT basis through M/s Fume International. These locations are:

(i) Behind L-Block Middle Circle Connaught Place

(i) Ashoka Road near Ashoka Yatri Nivas

(iii) Tilak Marg Crossing of Bhagwan Das Road

(iv) Humayun Road opposite Ambassador Hotel

(v) Aurobindo Marg opposite INA Market.

(c) The MCD has estimated a likely monthly revenue of Rs. 15 lakhs against the tenders for 185 dalaos already received. However, the NDMC have stated that these garbage stations will be on Built, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis and the garbage stations have been constructed by the private agency who will only operate in on no profit-no loss basis.

Development of Forest, vacant land etc. as entertainment sites

†2345. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed various State Governments to develop forests, ponds, vacant lands in hilly areas as entertainment sites after revamping them;

(b) if so, the names of the States which have followed the said direction; and

(c) the details thereof, State-wise?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.